

## HUNT CLUB RACES OPEN

Society Revels in Good Sport at Rockaway Grounds.

### BIG CROWD IN ATTENDANCE

H. W. Smith's Stripling Wins the Feature Event After Refusing the First Hurdle.

With old Dame Nature in her kindest mood, some five thousand persons went out to the pretty grounds of the Rockaway Hunting Club at Cedarhurst yesterday, where the spring hunter and pony races of the club provided an idea afternoon's sport. It was the first big outdoor affair of the year for society, and few indeed were the members of the smart set who were not to be seen about the enclosure or paddock.

They came in autos, drags and coaches, and when the bugler called the horses to the post for the first race it was hard to imagine a prettier scene as the hundreds of handsomely groomed women, with their escorts, flitted about the grounds. The weather was ideal for racing, a cool breeze sweeping the grounds, and the sport was of the best—the kind that is always provided by the men who race for the love of the sport only.

One of the things missed yesterday was the presence of some of the crack riders of last year, such as Fred Alpers, Marshall Clapp and Hugh Gormley, but this was easily explained, as it was through no fault of their own that they did not take part in yesterday's contests. The association refused to give Alpers a license a week ago because of the protest of H. M. Higginson, of Boston, who asserted that three years ago Alpers accepted \$100 for expenses to race at Washington. Alpers's friends say there is another reason, and that he received only \$25, his legitimate expense. Marshall Clapp is nursing a broken collarbone and Hugh Gormley, it is said, has taken on too much weight. It is said, however, that the two first named would be in the saddle before many weeks have passed.

But aside from the outing for society there was a sentimental side to yesterday's races, for they were the first contests of the year in this state, and many a lover of the thoroughbred whose face was familiar at the regular tracks was among the crowd at Cedarhurst yesterday. And as if to give emphasis to the transition that has taken place, the special train passed alongside the Jamaica racetrack, with its high stands and fields deserted.

Among the members of the Watching Hunt Club set out around the grounds were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis S. Waring, E. S. Hooley, Miss Mabel Hooley, who was accompanied by her fiancé, Brown Woolston; Mr. and Mrs. Avery, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hauke, Jr., Colonel C. E. S. Bellows, Harry Hart, Rufus Finch, Henry C. Finch, H. M. Rarley, Frank Thompson, Charles F. Wilkey, William Wilkey, Fred Alpers and James Smith.

The Cedarhurst Cup, the first race of the day, was plentiful in thrills for the spectators, for not alone were there three falls, but the fifth between Ringlets, cleverly ridden by Mr. Bell, and Maple Leaf, with Malcolm Stevenson, his owner, was most exciting, the former winning by half a length in a hard drive. In the beginning of the race Essex R. M. Hauke's even-odds gelding, though the favorite, who had the mount, at the first jump, the rider pluckily remounted, but when Essex R. got to the third jump he refused, and promptly threw his rider again. Independence, with Mr. Park, his owner, up, also took a tumble at this jump.

Mr. Tuckerman, on Harry W. Smith's Stripling, rode a clean race in the final contest, the Rockaway Cup. Coming around for the first time Stripling refused at the third jump, and after some urging Mr. Tuckerman got him over and into his stride again. He gradually made up the ground he had lost, passing one competitor after the other until the third jump was reached on the second time around. Here he took the lead, and was never headed, winning easily by ten lengths.

Pete, with C. C. Cowdin, 25, his owner, up, and Peter Hauke's Harry, with Wilkey riding, had an exciting finish in the pony race, a quarter-mile affair. It was a drive right from the drop of the flag, Pete crossing the line a short head in front of Harry. Live Wire, the 3 to 5 favorite, was left at the post, through the carelessness of one of her handlers.

Old Doll Spanker, Mr. Lee up, gave Diana, Mr. Stevenson's good mare, a hard battle in the closing contest of the day. The first time around Doll Spanker kept far in the rear, but started to gain after passing the second mile post, until she had caught Diana at the last jump. It was a pip and tuck to the stretch, entering which Mr. Stevenson's mare had the most left, winning by three lengths.

Mr. Tucker brought Allan Pinkerton's Booger Red home an easy winner in the Galloway race, at half a mile. Mr. Smith's Nattie Bumpo being second, four lengths behind, at the finish.

There was some betting among friends on the outcome of yesterday's contests, the odds as prepared by handicappers being used. Sheriff Charles De Mott, of Nassau, was early on the grounds, and at once informed the officials of the club of the law, and said he purposed to enforce it stringently.

The summary follows:

**FIRST RACE.—THE CEDARHURST CUP:** for half-bred huns, 140 lbs., 100 yards, 105 pounds. About four miles over a fair hunting country. Horse and owner. Wt. Rider. Finish. Ringlets (Mrs. G. F. Bell, 136, Mr. Bell, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 146, 148, 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, 160, 162, 164, 166, 168, 170, 172, 174, 176, 178, 180, 182, 184, 186, 188, 190, 192, 194, 196, 198, 200, 202, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 262, 264, 266, 268, 270, 272, 274, 276, 278, 280, 282, 284, 286, 288, 290, 292, 294, 296, 298, 300, 302, 304, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 338, 340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350, 352, 354, 356, 358, 360, 362, 364, 366, 368, 370, 372, 374, 376, 378, 380, 382, 384, 386, 388, 390, 392, 394, 396, 398, 400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410, 412, 414, 416, 418, 420, 422, 424, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 438, 440, 442, 444, 446, 448, 450, 452, 454, 456, 458, 460, 462, 464, 466, 468, 470, 472, 474, 476, 478, 480, 482, 484, 486, 488, 490, 492, 494, 496, 498, 500, 502, 504, 506, 508, 510, 512, 514, 516, 518, 520, 522, 524, 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